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**EPA Approves Emergency Fuel Waiver for Texas**

**WASHINGTON (August 25, 2017)** — EPA

Administrator Pruitt exercised his authority under the Clean Air Act today to waive certain fuel requirements to address shortages resulting from Hurricane Harvey.

The Clear Air Act allows EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, in consultation with Energy Secretary Rick Perry, to waive certain fuel requirements to address shortages that occur as a result of the storm. Administrator Pruitt quickly determined that extreme and unusual fuel supply circumstances exist in portions of Texas as a result of the hurricane, and has granted a temporary waiver to help ensure an adequate supply of gasoline is available in the affected areas until normal supply to the region can be restored.

Waivers were granted by EPA Administrator Pruitt, in coordination with the U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry, at the request of Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Executive Director Richard Hyde and Texas Governor Greg Abbott.

The waiver in Texas applies [until September 15, 2017](#) for reformulated gasoline (RFG), Reid vapor pressure (RVP) and Texas Low Emission Diesel (TxLED) in the affected Texas counties covered by Governor Abbot's Disaster Proclamation. As required by law, EPA and DOE evaluated the situation and determined that granting a short-term waiver was consistent with the public interest. EPA is continuing to actively monitor the fuel supply situation as a result of Hurricane Harvey, and is ready to act expeditiously if extreme and unusual supply circumstances exist in other areas.

To mitigate any impacts on air quality the Clean Air Act provides strict criteria for when fuels waivers may be granted, and requires that waivers be limited as much as possible in terms of their geographic scope and duration.

More information: <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/fuel-waivers>



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EPA is positioned and ready to support our state, local and tribal partners in response to Hurricane Harvey. EPA has a very organized and highly developed emergency response program for responding to man-made and natural disasters. Administrator Scott Pruitt has activated our emergency centers in Dallas. We have preparedness and readiness teams standing by, to support FEMA if needed.

EPA Headquarters emergency operations center is monitoring the storm closely and making preparations to activate in order to support Regions 4 and 6. Our Region 6 office in Dallas is taking action to ensure that Superfund Sites are secured in advance of the storm, to plan to assist the approximately 300 public water system rapid assessments, and to seamlessly integrate emergency response activities with Texas, Louisiana, and other federal response agencies. The Clean Air Act also allows the EPA Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Energy, to waive certain fuel requirements to address shortages that occur as a result of the storm. EPA has an experienced team standing by to expedite handling of any waiver requests by the states.

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